State of Vermont Department of Labor Montpelier

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SUBJECT: Maximum Weekly Benefit and New Quarterly Qualifying Wage Amounts

Effective with the week ending July 11, 2015 the maximum weekly benefit amount (WBA) will be increased from \$436.00 to \$446.00. The new maximum WBA was calculated using the annual determination based on average wage figures. The new maximum weekly benefit amount will be applicable to new claims with an effective date of July 5, 2015.

On July 13, 2015, existing claims already at the current maximum weekly benefit amount will be adjusted for the higher maximum WBA, effective with the week ending July 11, 2015. The WBA field of the annual determination on the VABS 06 screen will be updated on July 13, 2015. When a claim for the week ending July 11, 2015 or subsequent is paid, the WBA, MBA (Maximum Benefit Amount), and benefit balance fields on the VABS 01 screen will be updated, as will the date and the MBA fields of the annual redetermination on the VABS 06 screen.

The minimum quarterly wage qualifier will increase from \$2,351.00 to \$2,386.00. New claims with an effective date of July 5, 2015 and subsequent will be determined using the \$2,386.00 minimum quarterly wage figure.

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